



AUGUST 2017 CALENDAR

PURGATORY CHASM STATE RESERVATION

198 Purgatory Rd Sutton MA 01590

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All programs are free and open to the public. Reasonable accommodations available upon request.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stormy weather will cancel events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 A Walk in the Park 3:30 – 4:30 pm	2	3	4 Chasm Hike 11 am – 12 pm Glacial Geology Hike 3 – 4:30 pm	5 Rock Detectives 11 am – 12 pm Chasm Hike 2 – 3 pm Colors of the Chasm 4 – 5 pm
6 Skull Science 11 am – 12 pm Chasm Hike 3 – 4 pm	7 Kidleidoscope 11 am – 12 pm Time Traveler Tour 3 – 3:30 pm	8 A Walk in the Park 3:30 – 4:30 pm	9	10	11 Chasm Hike 11 am – 12 pm Glacial Geology Hike 3 – 4:30 pm	12 Skull Science 11 am – 12 pm Chasm Hike 2 – 3 pm All About: Beetles 4 – 4:45 pm
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Special Event: Aug 27th Meet Smokey Bear	<p>Join us at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation on August 27th for a very special opportunity to meet Smokey Bear and the District 7 Fire Crew! This one-time-only event to celebrate our local fire prevention specialists is open for all visitors to the park at no additional charge. Meet at the Pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Most appropriate for families with children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Please note, wet weather will cancel this event.</p>
Chasm Hike	<p>Meet the park interpreter at the Visitor Center and get ready to scramble around huge boulders while taking in the mystery of Purgatory Chasm. This is a strenuous ½ mile hike along the Chasm Loop Trail, suitable for confident hikers ages 6 and above. Please wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes/boots, and bring water. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wet conditions will cancel!</p>
Rock Detectives	<p>Have you ever wondered where rocks come from? Meet the park interpreter at the Pavilion to find out more about where our rocks have been, and where they are going. Learn about the rock cycle, and see if you have what it takes to be a Rock Detective! Stop by at any time during the hour to take part in this interactive display program suitable for geologists ages 4 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>
Kiddleidoscope Nature Stories	<p>Nature before noon! Connect to the great outdoors with nature themed stories, an outdoor activity, and a take-home craft that relates to our books. Meet in the Visitor Center. This program is designed for children ages 3 to 6. Older siblings are always welcome. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the playground afterwards. Enjoy a new theme each week! Children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>
A Walk in the Park: Healthy Heart Hikes	<p>Hiking trails are the heart of our park system, and getting outdoors is a great way to exercise! Join the park interpreter on a moderately challenging 1 mile hike, and socialize along the way. Begins at the Visitor Center. Suitable for hikers ages 8 and above. Dress for the outdoors and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Bring water, sunscreen and insect repellent if desired. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wet conditions will cancel.</p>

Time Traveler Tour	There's a timeline right at our feet! Get an introduction to this unique park as we stroll to historic structures and geological features. Meet at the Visitor Center for this easy half hour walk, suitable for historians ages 10 and above. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water, sunscreen and insect repellent if desired. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wet conditions will cancel.
Skull Science	What features help an animal survive? Find clues in skulls and bones at this interactive display. Stop by the Pavilion at any time during the hour to take part. How will your own bones compare to the animals that call Purgatory Chasm their home? Suitable for wildlife biologists ages 4 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Glacial Geology Hike	Discover our glacial past with a moderately challenging 1 mile hike along the chasm to Little Purgatory. Explore evidence of the ice that blanketed this park more than 10,000 years ago! Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for glacial geologists ages 10 and above. Dress for the outdoors, with sturdy shoes/boots. Please bring sunscreen, insect repellent and water if desired. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wet conditions will cancel.
Butterfly Gardening	Gardens are planted for many reasons, and beginning this year at Purgatory Chasm, we have started gardening for butterflies! Join the park interpreter for this introduction to our native pollinators. Find out how these little insects help us, and learn what you can do to help attract them to your garden. Suitable for gardeners ages 6 and above. Meet at the Visitor Center and dress for the outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wet weather cancels.
All About: Animals	Learn about the animals here at Purgatory Chasm with the All About series. These brief introductions focus upon a specific group of animals for each session. Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about an animal's life history, good spots to find them, helpful hints and more with this informative program suitable for wildlife biologists ages 10 and up. Featured animals in August: Beetles & Owls
Colors of the Chasm	Coloring books are for adults too! Making art in a natural setting is a great way to relieve stress and reconnect with your community. Join the park interpreter at the Pavilion near the entrance to the chasm to take part in this relaxing and informal event designed for adults. All materials provided, including a coloring book based on Purgatory Chasm's unique landscape. The interpreter will provide background information about each location featured in the coloring book. Feel free to bring your own coloring books, tools, or other visual art projects.

PARKING

Parking is available at the lots along Purgatory Road. Day-Use Passes are \$5 for a MA vehicle, \$6 for out-of-state, and can be purchased at Pay-&-Display machines located near each major parking lot. 2017 Annual Passes and Senior Passes can also be purchased at each Pay-&-Display machine. Bus Passes can only be acquired at the Park Office inside the Visitor Center.

VISITOR CENTER

At the Visitor Center you can find trail maps, general information about Purgatory Chasm, educational displays, and the park's main office. There are also restrooms and a drinking fountain available inside. For information about routine operations at Purgatory Chasm not related to educational programs and events, please stop by the park office or call (508) 234-3733.